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## **JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION SELECTS FOUR NOMINEES FOR SIXTH DISTRICT COURT VACANCY**

The Sixth District Judicial Nominating Commission has released the names of four nominees for an upcoming vacancy in Sixth District Court. The position will replace Judge K.L. McIff who announced his retirement effective September 15, 2005.

The nominees are as follows: Sanpete County Attorney Ross C. Blackham, Moroni, Sevier County Attorney R. Don Brown, Monroe, Garfield County Attorney Wallace A. Lee, Panguitch, and Assistant Attorney General Cheryl D. Luke, Salt Lake City.

A 10-day public comment period will be held before the names are submitted to Gov. Jon M. Huntsman, Jr. To submit comments about the nominees, address a written statement to Commission Chair Kim Pickett, c/o Administrative Office of the Courts, P.O. Box 140241, Salt Lake City, UT, 84114-0241. Comments must be received by July 21, 2005 at 5:00 p.m.

The commission may request further interviews or an investigation of the nominees after reviewing public comments. After the public comment period, the names will be sent to the governor who has 30 days to select a candidate. The Governor's nominee is then forwarded to the Senate Confirmation Committee, which reviews the nominee's qualifications and conducts a public hearing and interview session. The Senate Confirmation Committee then forwards the final nominee to the Utah State Senate, which has 60 days from the Governor's nomination to confirm the nominee.

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